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# Feral cats: Out with the trash



A trio of kittens peek out from the back of an abandoned delivery truck in a Halifax backyard last week. More coverage, pages 4 and 5. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Stray vs. feral cats

- Strays are domesticated, easily approachable and can be petted. Ferals are wild and scared of humans unless strongly motivated by hunger.

**Dumping hotspots in HRM.** Typically Burnside and Spryfield



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To some people, felines are living, breathing disposable toys.

And when those cats become an inconvenience, they're tossed into the woods or abandoned down the road.

If they survive long enough, they breed — and breed and breed. An uncountable number of cats living in colonies can be found in every HRM community — from dockyards to backyards. And what to do with them is a difficult question.

Since the SPCA became a no-kill shelter in 2010, they don't take in feral adult cats; they have only enough resources to manage adoptable cats. But they will take feral kittens aged six to eight weeks, because those can be taught to be domestic.

"It would be cruel and unusual to take a feral cat out of their natural environment and place them in a shelter environment," said Kristin Williams, executive director

of the Nova Scotia SPCA.

So what's to be done?

There are a handful of small charitable organizations in HRM who trap, neuter/spay and release (TNR) feral cats back into their environment. A cat colony caregiver is established to feed and monitor them, so that, in this way, the cats have a shot at a decent life.

It's the most humane solution, Williams said, as a feral cat living in a well-cared-for colony can be as healthy as some house cats.

But these cats fight another massive obstacle: public perception. While many people, especially the elderly, feed them, others wish they'd just disappear and believe the best solution is to ignore them.

"I don't care what animal it is, if it's starving and I've got food I'm going to feed it," said Darrold Gould, executive director of Bide Awhile shelter.

Coun. Jim Smith said more needs to be done to support the underfunded charities that do TNR work.

"I think we could help them out more, but presently we don't have any mechanism to do that," he said.

While grants can be awarded for capital costs like traps, HRM doesn't fund services like veterinary care.



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# Tip Top building to come toppling down: Councillors

**Heritage Trust.** Concerns raised about 'damage' new construction would do to Khyber, Tramway buildings

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Halifax regional council has voted to demolish the old Tip Top Tailors building on Barrington Street.

Tuesday night's decision came in spite of concerns raised by the Heritage Trust and the owner of the adjacent Tramway Building over the new six-storey development planned for the site.

A public hearing on the demolition of 1592 Barrington St. drew only one presenter — Phil Pacey of the city's Heritage Trust. Pacey warned of the "damage" the new development would inflict on two properties: the Khyber and Tramway buildings.

"The Tip Top building is

**Appeal denied**

- The owner of the Tramway Building, William Strug, appealed the municipality's Design Review Committee approval of the proposed replacement building under HRMbyDesign. That appeal was shot down by council on May 15.

valuable," Pacey told council.

"It is a rare example of the Cuba style of the 1950s. The proposed replacement building is oversized and incompatible. The proposed replacement building would endanger both the Khyber and Tramway buildings on either side."

That the Tip Top building has heritage value is not in question. The staff report recommending its demolition referred repeatedly to its value as an example of 1950s retail architecture.

But the report also noted the building has deteriorated to such an extent that preserving it would be extremely dif-



A pedestrian walks past the former Tip Top Tailors building on Barrington Street on Tuesday afternoon.  
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

ficult, if not impossible.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane spoke in favour of the development for just that reason. "Knowing the building has been through a rough time and knowing how much

it would cost to actually try to bring this back into code, I think it's better for us to allow for this developer to go forward with this building," Sloane said.

"The Khyber is very import-

ant to this municipality ... and also the Tramway Building is very important. (But) something like this (project) will not detract from the history, but actually, I think, make it (more prominent)."

## Council demands advance notice of transit changes

Metro Transit will now have to present any proposed service changes to Halifax regional council a month before the budget process, after council voted in favour of a motion before Dartmouth Coun. Gloria McCluskey.

The motion was introduced after councillors were apparently blindsided when Metro Transit scaled back the hours of operation for ferry services. The cut was approved as part of the 2012-13 budget, but has been postponed until August.

"They used to do (presenta-

**On the buses**

"There's a lot that gets talked about in transit."

Coun. Gloria McCluskey

tions) every year, but this year they didn't," McCluskey said after Tuesday's meeting.

Not everyone supported the move, noting that Metro Transit already proposes service changes when it presents its yearly service standards.

That led Coun. Bob Har-

vey to suggest that requiring a second set of presentations would be redundant.

"Metro Transit makes a point of calling us in community-council groupings or small groupings to discuss changes in ... districts that are related to each other," he said.

"And of course there is, at budget time, all the documents available, the service program for that year, pluses and minuses to service — it's all before council and can be raised during budget debate."

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## Quinpool Road. Banners on poles, bike racks given go-ahead by council

Halifax regional council voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve the placement of signs on utility poles and bike racks along Quinpool Road.

The Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association Ltd. requested that council grant approval for the signs on the poles, despite the fact many weren't approved for banners by stakeholders such as Nova Scotia Power Inc. and Bell Aliant.

Karla Nicholson, general manager of the association, has been trying to get that changed for more than a year.

Nicholson also wants HRM to pony up the cash to replace the existing banners, which have become tattered since their installation in 2000. She says her group is trying to bring character to the street and make it more of a destination.

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On the web

**Cuba's Internet service a tangled web**

More than a year after an underwater fibre-optic cable promised to end Cuba's Internet isolation and boost the island's web capacity, Internet connections remain the slowest in the Western Hemisphere. Watch at metronews.ca

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# Abandoned but not invisible

## Hundreds of cats.

Living in colonies throughout HRM



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Lying on a hot-water bottle, wrapped in a blanket, Angel is too groggy from her surgery to do more than lift her head and blink.

She's had a rough life. The pregnant mom was discovered at the landfill — she was either dumpster diving and picked up by a garbage truck or dumped nearby by her family. She was carrying four kittens but her pregnancy was humanely terminated and she was spayed last week.

But three-year-old Angel's luck will turn around. Friendly despite her background, the beautiful dappled cat will be taken to a foster home where she will be adopted out.

The cat colony at the Otter Lake Landfill is one of Pamela Sears' charges. She feeds and looks after five cat colonies around HRM, some as big as 30. But she does more than that. Sears works with Cat Rescue Maritimes (ca-r-ma), a small cat-rescue organization with branches throughout the Maritimes.

Ca-r-ma identifies cat colonies, establishes a caregiver (feeder) if there isn't one already, then traps, neuters or spays each cat, and releases them back home. She's worked on 10 to 15 of these colonies in the past six years.

"It's often someone who's an elderly person — man or woman — who see their suffering and they take it upon themselves to look after them or at least feed them. Especially when you see kittens it's really hard. I don't know how people do nothing, frankly," she said.

"They use their meagre pension money to feed the cats, but they don't have sufficient money or resources to actually vet them."

### Quoted

"I say, if you do nothing else, feed them because they're probably going to die sooner than later anyway." Pamela Sears, volunteer with Cat Rescue Maritimes



Pamela Sears, a volunteer with Cat Rescue Maritimes, readyes a cat trap in a rural HRM community last week. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

One day last week, Sears took Metro to a cat colony in a rural community in HRM. The exact location can't be disclosed as Sears feels it might encourage people to dump their cats there.

The interview was conducted in a car covered by bed sheets. From the car, hungry cats could be seen steadily approaching a trap laid enticingly with KFC chicken (Sears said "cats love the smell") and wet cat food.

"Free kittens to a good home' makes shivers run down my spine. What value does that confer on that animal? That's why they're garbage. They're live toys to entertain children



Veterinary technician Wendy Corkum takes care of Angel as the cat recovers from surgery last week. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

### Rescued cat

*Sometimes it's hard to tell feral from domestic*

"I just took a cat in that's been outside for seven months, and as far as anyone knew it was a feral cat.... We found out its hip was busted and had been busted for seven months," said Darrold Gould, executive director of Bide Awhile shelter.

But it was just a domestic cat in a lot of pain, he said. The cat underwent surgery and will be put up for adoption.

"She's a little darling," Gould said.

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

or whatever, then when they get to be older or they're in heat or spraying, then out they go, disposed of," Sears said, outrage coming through, even in her whispered tones.

"And of course they don't want to look at their little faces out the window so they drive down the road to where the elderly woman lives or the farmhouse, or whatever myth they subscribe to, thinking this is the thing to do."

This particular colony was cared for by an elderly woman before she died recently. Other volunteers stepped in to continue feeding the cats.

Abandoned friendly cats breed generations of feral cats quickly. "Like rabbits," Sears said. But it's a short and brutal life.

She said feral cats, victims of their reproduction, have a lifespan of about a year. It's a year spent fighting each other, fighting disease and fighting for food.

About 15 metres away from the car, a young skinny black cat decides hunger beats out caution. It slips in the trap, Sears pulls the rope and the trap snaps shut. As Sears prepares the scared feline for transport to a transition house and eventually a veterinarian, she says she names them all, so that when they die they will at least have a name.

"Just that one little thing."

# Halfway house a haven for wild cats

Across from Maggie O'Liari's washer and dryer is a big black cage.

It might not look like a halfway house, but it offers wild cats a temporary refuge.

"Ideally there's always a

vet appointment lined up, but that's not always the case. They need to go somewhere for a night or two and then after (the surgery) they need to rest," O'Liari said.

The scared animals hunker down and are left alone in the quiet basement until it's time for them to see the veterinarian.

O'Liari once offered foster care for cats, but found

the emotional attachments too hard to break.

She has three cats herself. One was a rescued ca-r-ma cat, and another was a stray she found in her backyard.

She said offering the temporary shelter is rewarding.

"Especially with the ferals you know you're making their lives better."

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### By the numbers

# 10

The number of trap-neuter/spay-release groups in Nova Scotia.





A cat peeks over a ridge at a trap laid out near a cat colony in a rural HRM community last week. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

# Increase in cat adoptions a good problem for SPCA

**But it doesn't come without challenges.** More intake space needed now, executive director says



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It's a good problem to have: Cat adoptions at the SPCA are moving so quickly it's creating a bottleneck.

When an animal comes into the SPCA, it needs to be quarantined, vaccinated and spayed or neutered before it can be put out on the "adoption floor." And many of these felines are sent to retail partner outlets where they're adopted.

"Provincially, it's doubled our physical capacity (for adoption space)," said Kristin Williams, executive director of the Nova Scotia SPCA. "The challenge is how do we make sure we can move the animals into our environment quickly, and one of the ways to do that is increase our intake space to match our

## Quoted

"If you were to see a dog walking down the street, you would say, 'That dog clearly belongs to someone, we've got to get that dog home.' Do you think you have the same reaction when you see a cat?"

Kristin Williams, executive director of the Nova Scotia SPCA

available adoption space."

The SPCA is looking to expand its facility in Burnside and has asked HRM for a \$24,604 grant, but may get \$14,680 conditional on cost-sharing agreements. It has passed through the committee and will be before council within the next month for approval.

The group wants a second cat-intake room, a second laundry facility and to purchase a number of new kennels.

"The benefit is going to be tenfold," Williams said.

It will supply more animals to the retail locations, and provide more space for overflow from the other SPCA branches in the province. And with the additional adoption revenue, the SPCA will be able to hire another inspector. Cur-

rently, there are only two in the province; each has a caseload of 600 files.

Cat Rescue Maritimes (ca-r-ma) is fundraising for a high volume spay/neuter clinic. Right now, volunteers take feral cats in one by one — or more if it's a mother and kittens — back and forth to the veterinarian clinic.

For about \$6,000, ca-r-ma could establish a high-volume clinic that could spay or neuter 30 to 35 cats in one day.

"This is a way to cut swaths through the cat population," said Pamela Sears, a volunteer with ca-r-ma.

Her organization is recommended to receive a HRM grant of \$787 for trapping equipment. According to policy, HRM doesn't fund veterinary services.

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A brush fire in Spryfield burns near some homes and Cunard Junior High School, bottom left, on Monday afternoon.  
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# Rain douses last hotspots in Spryfield

**Brush fires.** HRM firefighters left woods at noon on Tuesday



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Rain, rain, come again, especially in Spryfield.

Tuesday morning's rain extinguished the last remaining hotspots in the brush fire between Colpitt Lake and Williams Lake, which sent black smoke over the city's skyline Monday afternoon. It caused a brief evacuation of about 60 homes, but did not cause injuries or damage to houses.

"Things are very, very good," said Dave Meldrum, divisional chief with Halifax Regional Fire on Tuesday afternoon. "In fact, firefighters have left the woods, and the (Department of Natural Resources) firefighters will return in the near future

**Fire season**

## 300

According to the Department of Natural Resources, there are about 300 wildfires in the province during a typical fire season, which is March through October.

to investigate the site, as well as take measurements and scene examination of the burned area."

The rainfall was very welcome, Meldrum said, but there were a couple of other factors that kept the thrust of the flames from burning homes.

"I'm grateful it didn't damage any property, and we had a number of things working for us," he said. "The hard work of firefighters helped, the prompt response with helicopters from DNR helped and the fact the wind pushed the fire towards the lake helped as well."

Early estimates show about 15 hectares were charred.

**Balancing the books**

## SMU set for tuition hike

Saint Mary's University will increase tuition by the maximum amount allowed under provincial law to balance its books.

The university announced its plans to raise tuition by three per cent for 2012-13 school year to remain in the black.

Students will pay \$4,637 in tuition for a full course load in arts at Saint Mary's. International students, who pay more, will also see a three per cent increase in tuition plus a five per cent increase in their international differential fee.

Saint Mary's will scale back on infrastructure projects, committing just \$4 million this fiscal year to capital projects. The university has spent an average of \$14 million a year on infrastructure. The operating budget came in at \$106 million for 2012-13.

Tuition was frozen in Nova Scotia until January, when Labour and Advanced Education Minister Marilyn More announced a new three-year memorandum with the universities.

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## Mystery. One year later, Dartmouth stabbing death remains unsolved

Wednesday marks the one-year anniversary of the murder of James Gregory Wareham.

Wareham was stabbed to death at the Majestic Manor apartment complex at 65 Primrose St. in Dartmouth on May 23 of last year.

Halifax police say they believe a man known to the victim went to the apartment, an argument ensued and Wareham was stabbed.

Wareham is from New Waterford in Cape Breton. His uncle, John Wilson, said last year he believes his nephew was likely trying to help a friend when he was killed.

"The guy pulled a knife on



The late James Gregory Wareham  
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his friend, and Jimmy jumped in to stop it," Wilson said. "That is all we know — that is all we have heard at this time." METRO

### Counterfeit

## Man charged over phoney bills

A 31-year-old Dartmouth man is facing charges for passing off counterfeit bills.

Halifax Regional Police said there were four incidents, three involving \$50 bills and the fourth was a \$20 bill.

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### Complaint

## Yelling during arrest

Halifax Regional Police were called to Salter Street Sunday responding to a report of a "sensory irritant" being discharged outside. As officers were making the arrest, the suspect's companion started yelling at the officer and tried to get between them. METRO

# Cuts to agencies target redundancy: Minister

**Expense trimming.**  
ACOA will slash funding to 12 RDAs in N.S., 51 in Atlantic Canada



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Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is cutting operational funding to all of Atlantic Canada's regional development agencies starting next year.

Most of these agencies heavily depend on ACOA core funding for their survival.

ACOA Minister Bernard Valcourt said it's an effort to trim expenses and avoid duplication. ACOA is tasked with cutting \$18 million over the next three years, and it spends about \$5 million a year on RDAs.

"When I look at the role they have played for dec-

ades now in Atlantic Canada I am not sure we are getting the bang for the buck," Valcourt told Metro on Tuesday.

"I'm not dismissing all of them as being useless, what I'm saying is they do not actually administer any programs, they do not devise any programs, they don't fund any programs."

He called RDAs "a layer" that some — but not all — entrepreneurs use to access provincial and federal programs. He said the money is better spent directly on small and medium-sized enterprises.

"Over the coming year, we will engage with provincial governments, municipalities and other economic partners to explore alternate, more effective ways to work together," Valcourt said.

For the Greater Halifax Partnership, it won't threaten its survival, but make it difficult for sure.

"In a budget of \$3.1 million, it's \$165,000 of uncertainty," said Paul Kent,



Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Minister Bernard Valcourt speaks at the Atlantic Mayors' Congress at the World Trade and Convention Centre in this file photo from last month. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

president and CEO of the Greater Halifax Partnership.

But Kent is hopeful for acknowledgement from ACOA in the next year for GHP's programming efforts.

Kent also added he believes all levels of government and the private sector need to re-examine what economic development in Nova Scotia should look like.

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# Kidnapping incites Lebanese protest

**Hezbollah.** 'We will work day and night until these beloved people are with us,' says Sheik Hassan Nasrallah

The leader of Lebanon's Shiite militant group Hezbollah appealed for calm Tuesday after people blocked roads and burned tires in Beirut to protest the kidnapping of 11 Lebanese Shiites in neighbouring Syria.

The abductions in Syria's northern Aleppo province threatened to ignite dangerous sectarian tensions and fuelled fears that Lebanon is getting drawn into the chaos next door. The Lebanese were on their way home from a religious pilgrimage in Iran when Syrian rebels intercepted their vehicles, Syria's state-run SANA news agency said. The rebels abducted the 11 men and a Syrian driver. The women were released.

Lebanese security officials



Mourners carry the body of anti-Syrian regime Sunni cleric Sheik Ahmed Abdul-Wahid, shot at a Lebanese army checkpoint. HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

confirmed the kidnapping.

As the news of the kidnappings spread, residents of the southern suburbs of Beirut, a Shiite area, took to the streets and burned tires and blocked roads in protest. The leader of Hezbollah, a strong ally of the Syrian regime, appealed for calm and warned his followers against revenge attacks targeting Syrians.

The spark for the violence

was the killing Sunday of Sheik Ahmed Abdul-Wahid, an anti-Syrian Sunni cleric, and his bodyguard in northern Lebanon. A Lebanese soldier shot the men, apparently after they failed to stop at an army checkpoint.

The killing fuelled deep anger over the perceived support of some of Lebanon's security forces for the Syrian regime.

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# Egypt's election fever hits Cairo's Garbage City

Election fever has even come to Cairo's Garbage City, the sprawling neighbourhood built on — and living off of — the waste of the Egyptian capital.

The tens of thousands of impoverished residents of the district are almost all Christians. For generations, they have collected the garbage from the city of nearly 20 million; they sort it then recycle and sell what they can. Their homes are built in and around piles of the refuse, where their livestock graze.

Like other Egyptians, they are now savouring the prospect of having their voice heard as the country begins voting on Wednesday for a new president,

the first since the ouster last year of longtime leader Hosni Mubarak.

The overwhelming concern for many of them is to stop any Islamist candidate from winning. Many of Egypt's Christian minority — about 20 per cent of the population of 85 million — are worried that if the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood candidate wins and moved to implement Islamic law, they will suffer greater discrimination.

As a result, many are turning to the most anti-Islamist candidate on the slate of 13 hopefuls — Ahmed Shafiq, a former air-force commander

who was Mubarak's last prime minister.

Anwar Rizk, a garbage collector in the neighbourhood, says he's backing Shafiq because, "I fear the Muslim Brotherhood and the Salafis," referring to a movement of ultraconservative Islamists. "We have Muslims living here as our brothers in very good conditions, but I fear the Muslim Brotherhood because they are only after their own good."

His fellow resident, Iskandar Shafiq — no relation to the candidate — agrees and is also impressed by the candidate's strongman image.

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In this photo taken Sunday, a Coptic Egyptian mother sits with her children in the window of her house in the Moqattam area in Cairo, Egypt. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Greyhound killer

## Vince Li supporter granted interview

A supporter of the man who beheaded a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus in Manitoba says the man thought he was attacking an alien.

Vince Li has granted an interview to Chris Summerville, head of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society, who says Li has been treated unfairly by the public and the media.

Summerville says Li told him he heard voices that said fellow passenger Tim McLean was an alien who had to be killed to protect other passengers.

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### US Airways

## U.S. plane diverted amid security concern

A US Airways jet travelling from Paris to North Carolina was diverted to Maine on Tuesday after a French passenger handed a note to a flight attendant mentioning that she had a surgically implanted device, raising security concerns, officials said.

An examination aboard the plane found that the passenger, a French citizen, had no scars. The woman was travelling alone without any checked baggage and intended to stay in the U.S. for 10 days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### South Africa

## Risque painting of Zuma defaced

South African President Jacob Zuma and his African National Congress sought a court order Tuesday to have a painting depicting the president's genitals removed from an art gallery, but two men took matters into their own hands by defacing the portrait with gobs of paint.

The case pits freedom of expression against the right to dignity, both guaranteed by South Africa's constitution.

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### Convicted

## Black farm worker found guilty of murdering white supremacist

A court found a black farm worker guilty on Tuesday of murdering a white supremacist in rural South Africa. A younger farm worker was acquitted of murder, but found guilty on other charges.

The two were accused of beating 69-year-old Eugene Terreblanche to death with an iron rod in April 2010. The verdict ends a case that has lasted two years and fanned racial tensions in Ventersdorp, west of Johannesburg. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Olympic Games

## Granddaughter of the Queen to carry Olympic torch

London Olympic organizers say Zara Phillips, the granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth II, will carry the Olympic torch while riding Toytown — the horse that nearly helped her win a berth at the Beijing Olympics.

The 31-year-old will ride Toytown on the final leg of the relay at the Cheltenham racecourse on Wednesday, where she will then light a celebratory cauldron signalling the end of the fifth day of the 70-day torch relay.

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### Memorial

## Yemenis grieve victims of suicide bombing

Grieving Yemenis held sombre ceremonies Tuesday to mark the country's National Day following a suicide bombing a day earlier that killed nearly 100 soldiers and deeply shook the faith of many people in the nation's future.

Months of mass protests pushed longtime authoritarian ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh from power early this year, fueling hopes that the Arab world's poorest country could finally get on track.

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# Dozens dead after two-train collision

**India.** Injured and dead include women and children but mainly travelling construction workers

A passenger train rammed into a parked freight train and caught fire before dawn Tuesday in southern India, killing at least 25 people and injuring dozens more.

Rescuers worked for about six hours to pull some 70 survivors from the twisted and smouldering wreckage near the south-western border of Andhra Pradesh state.

Medical workers brought drinking water to traumatized survivors at the scene, while mothers cried for help in finding their lost children. Witnesses reported seeing victims on fire.

"When the train stopped with a loud bang, I got down

## Crash

"When the train stopped with a loud bang, I got down to see burning passengers crying for help."

Munijayendra, witness

to see burning passengers crying for help," Munijayendra, a 25-year-old marketing executive who goes by one name, told

Press Trust of India. "The worst part is we could not help as the heat was just unbearable."

At least 40 people were hospitalized, with about 10 in critical condition, local police Chief Charu Sinha said.

The driver of the Hampi Express – upon seeing the cargo train stopped on the tracks ahead – slammed on the emergency brakes, which caused four cars of the Express to derail, officials said.

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A crane lifts the wreckage of a train after an accident near Penukonda, about 170 kilometres north of Bangalore, India, on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Argentina

### Police defuse firecrackers in Buenos Aires

Police on Tuesday defused a pair of powerful firecrackers hidden in a Buenos Aires theatre and apparently timed to explode just when a crowd would have gathered to greet former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe. An employee found the explosives lodged in a light fixture in the Gran Rex theatre, authorities said. It was attached to a cell-phone with an alarm set for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, just when Uribe would have joined a cocktail party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Zimbabwe

### Miners trapped after equipment collapses

Sixty-five miners were awaiting rescue underground at a platinum mine on Tuesday after conveyor equipment collapsed in southern Zimbabwe.

National Mine Workers Union head Shadreck Pelewelo said that 20 miners were rescued after the incident, which caused a fire at the Mimosa platinum mine about 400 kilometres southwest of the capital, Harare.

Mining company Implats said in a statement that the fire has been contained. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Walking over water

Nik Wallenda performs a walk on a tightrope over Niagara Falls with the Skylon Tower in the background on his final day of training Tuesday. Wallenda says ABC is adamant about making him wear a safety device during a prime-time special on June 15. DAVID DUPREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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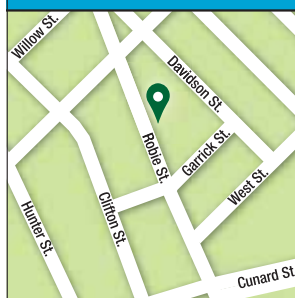
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# Auction house selling Reagan blood vial

## Presidential blood.

Item being sold by a man whose late mother took it from a laboratory with permission

— a move denounced Tuesday by the late U.S. president's foundation.

The vial being auctioned online was used by the laboratory that tested Reagan's blood when he was hospitalized after a 1981 assassination attempt in Washington, the PFC Auctions house said.

John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation in California, condemned the auction and vowed to try to halt it.

A Channel Islands auction house says it's selling a vial that allegedly contains blood residue from Ronald Reagan

## Blood money

# \$11K

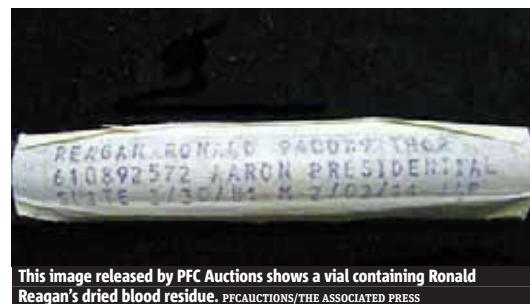
Bidding for the vial had passed the \$11,000 mark Tuesday, the house said, and the auction ends Thursday.

"If indeed this story is true, it's a craven act and we will use every legal means to stop its sale or purchase," Heubusch said in a statement. "We've spoken to George Washington

Hospital and are assured an investigation, as to how something like this could possibly happen, is underway.

"Any individual, including a president, should feel confident that once they enter into the care of a medical system their privacy and rights are held inviolable," he said.

The seller, a Reagan supporter, claimed he believes the late president would have wanted him to sell the vial rather than donate it. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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## Royal body guards ride

Two Royal Canadian Mounted Police talk at Hyde Park Barracks in London, England, on Tuesday. Queen Elizabeth II has invited the Mounties to act as her personal body guards for the monarch's Diamond Jubilee celebration to mark 60 years on the throne. **KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Cornell. Researchers may have colourful over-eating solution

Researchers from Cornell University may have found an original colour-based solution to over-eating.

An experiment conducted on 98 college students found that people ate less when they were confronted by edible "stop signs." The research team inserted potato chips that had been dyed red at intervals of five to seven into a tube. On average, these students ate 52 per cent less than those eating from tubes of regularly coloured chips, researchers claimed.

"We find (the red chips)

provide an interruption. They say, 'Am I really that hungry?'" Brian Walsink, lead researcher and author of *Mindless Eating*, told Metro. "The people didn't know what the red chips meant, but almost all of them ate one or two past it and then stopped."

Walsink attributes the findings to a disruption of the widespread "auto-eater" syndrome. "We are almost all mindless eaters and even the most controlled person is not aware of how food influences them," he said.

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# Tighter mortgage rules not enough to cool market: OECD

**Real estate.** OECD suggesting Bank of Canada raise interest rates this fall with a target of 2.25 per cent

Moves by the federal government to tighten mortgage-lending rules aren't doing enough to cool the housing market in the hottest regions in the country, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said Tuesday.

OECD senior economist Peter Jarrett said while some areas will benefit from the changes, red-hot markets like Toronto are unaffected by the more restrictive rules.

"The risks are that people put too many eggs in one basket," Jarrett said in warning that low rates entice homebuyers to borrow more than they can sustain at higher rates.

## Rate risks

**"The risks are that people put too many eggs in one basket."**

OECD senior economist Peter Jarrett, warning that low interest rates entice homeowners to borrow more than they can afford.

The posted rate for a variable-rate mortgage at Canada's big banks stands at prime plus 0.2 percentage points, or roughly 3.2 per cent.

"If rates go up something like we are suggesting, then mortgage rates will be in more like the five per cent range," Jarrett said.

The OECD has suggested the Bank of Canada begin to raise interest rates this fall with a target of 2.25 per cent by the end of next year, up from one per cent where it has stood since September 2010.

"We feel that at least in the

hottest real-estate markets, particularly Toronto, that would be a good signal that people should think twice about continuing to leverage up in order to buy more house than maybe they really need," Jarrett said.

The Paris-based international-development body recommended last year that the Bank of Canada look to start raising interest rates, but it was ignored as the European sovereign-debt crisis rocked the global economy and prompted the central bank to remain on hold.

Jarrett said as long as the European crisis doesn't explode again this summer, higher rates will be justified.

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty have both warned Canadians repeatedly that higher interest rates are coming as rates have lingered near historic lows for years.

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## Scheming rings around the Olympic brand

People walk past the Café Lympic in Stratford, east London. The small espresso shop near the site of the London Games used to be called the "Olympic" cafe. So where did the O go? The manager won't say. But it's more than likely the small business became another casualty in the battle against guerrilla marketers — advertisers who try to associate their products with an event without paying to be sponsors. Olympic organizers say the increasing sophistication of guerrilla marketers and the rise of social media are putting the five rings under assault in ways barely envisioned a decade ago. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Market Minute

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**OIL**  
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**GOLD**  
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## Aviation

**Transat selling airport-services unit**

Canadian tour operator Transat A.T. is selling its airport-services unit called Handlex to Servisair Holding Canada Inc. for an undisclosed sum as it focuses on efforts to restore profitability.

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# ZUCKERBERG'S ALL TIED UP



**JUST SAYIN'**  
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Mark Zuckerberg is 28 years old. Over the weekend, he got married to his longtime sweetheart, Priscilla Chan.

Oh, and his company went public. It's called Facebook and

it's now worth about \$93 billion U.S., and Zuckerberg himself is worth about \$19 billion.

What did you do this weekend?

The crazy thing for Zuckerberg is that it really only begins to get interesting. Now he has shareholders and a wife. Welcome to accountability, kid.

Most of what I know about Zuckerberg I learned from that movie *The Social Network*, which made him out to be the worst kind of manipulative nerd, who stole the whole Facebook idea from the Winklevoss twins, two hunky Harvard Olympic-class characters who have made a career out of being victimized by Zuckerberg. Nice work if you can get it.

But how ever it started, in exactly eight years, Zuckerberg has managed to turn Facebook into

the world's largest social network with 901 million active users. In June 2011, Facebook reached one trillion page views, making it the most-visited website in the world. How long before it passes a bazillion?

Friday's initial public offering raised \$16 billion, though it's not all roses. The stock is falling from its opening-day price of \$38, and a lot of invest-

ors who thought they were going to buy and then flip the stock after Day 1 find themselves owning shares of a ... website, albeit the world's most visited.

I have a website. It's called breakthroughpr.com. It's yours for a mere billion. Or a million. OBO.

I also have a Facebook account with 158 friends and, I admit, it's getting away from me. I mean, who is Abutu Joseph Ejima and why does he want to be my friend?

Zuckerberg has more than 14 million subscribers, which is the lowest order of friend. I'm one of them.

Facebook is everywhere, including in your head, even if you're a little kid. Although membership is restricted to kids over 13, Consumer Reports estimates there are 7.5 million kids under 13 with a Facebook account, violating the rules. Do you know what your kids are doing on Facebook? Do you even know your kids are on Facebook?

Speaking of kids, Zuckerberg is still doing the kind of stuff that is sure to prompt a sequel to *The Social Network*: *The Nerd Stumbles*. For instance, on the eve of his IPO, he wore a hoodie while meeting with all the investment houses that were about to handle the offering. Very bad timing. And then General Motors pulled all its ads from Facebook. Very bad news.

Speaking of marriage, we hope that Facebook doesn't crater Zuckerberg's. The site has already been implicated in more than one-third of last year's divorces, as it only takes a few clicks to become romantically entangled. It would be ironic if Priscilla caught Mark messing with a "subscriber" in a bricks-and-mortar no-tell motel.

Still, he wore a tie at his wedding, which means he's more accountable to his wife than to Wall Street. That's what being grown up is all about.



Mark Zuckerberg GETTY IMAGES

# Peak time for sun-seekers



HARRY LICHTMAN/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

## Landscapes

### Sunrise turns peak into fiery beacon

It looks like Photoshop has bedazzled this humbling mountain with a shimmering orange glow. But, in truth, this vibrant colour is all natural, claims one intrepid photographer.

Harry Lichtman captured this scene at Glacier National Park in Montana the moment the peak was bathed in sunrise light.

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Harry Lichtman, 47, photographer from New Hampshire. CONTRIBUTED

## Lichtman talks

- **Hit or miss.** "The photo is of Grinnell Point, a mountain face in Glacier National Park, Montana. That morning started out stormy and cloudy, which can be magical or a real dud. It can be hit or miss, which is why a photographer must make the effort to be at a location and ready. I kept looking behind me, checking to see if there was a hole in the eastern horizon that the sun might break through. In the end, this is what

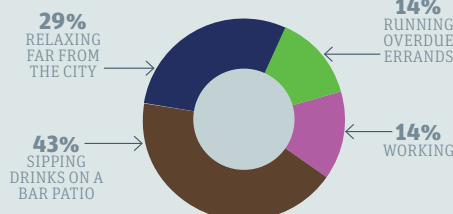
makes the shot unique since the peak stands out from the rest of the landscape and becomes a real focal point."

- **Clues to the hues.** "The red is due in part to the warm incandescence of the rising sun, but also to the rock composition and colour. It's a sedimentary rock composed of argillite and quartzite, which is reddish-brown. You can see the evergreen trees in the left centre of the shot turning red from the sun at the sun-shade boundary."



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## How did you spend the long weekend?



## Twitter

**@Habifax:** I love this kind of weather where the sun and the rain do battle to see which one gets to cast Halifax's mood.

**@Sweethb:** This weather I am not a fan of. But our forest fires need it. Hope everyone in Spryfield is Ok

**@laurahubb:** There is a river running down Spring Garden sidewalk...beware, #halifax folks!

**@OhSusannah63:** The good news: its mild enough to wear flip flops in the rain! #Halifax

**@BosnDavid:** Need the rain to stop at 1pm for 10 min, please #Halifax weather, just enough time to get to my truck without getting #soaked

**@fasterbonniekat:** I wish there was a @GoodLifeFitness location in the #halifax area with a pool in it. That would be the cats meow.



# Movie monster mash-ups

Could Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter spark a gore-addled revisionist-historical-fiction-movie trend?

Another of author Seth Grahame-Smith's works, *Pride Prejudice and Zombies*, which adds a brain-eating wrinkle to Jane Austen's corsets-and-crumpets chick-lit standard is already in development.

To speed this nascent genre along (and send history buffs into hysterics) we've concocted a few more viable monster mashups.

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## Romeo + Juliet + Chupacabra

Romeo crashes a bash at the Capulet mansion and his heart starts beating out of his chest when he catches sight of fair Juliet. That night on her balcony she reveals that Romeo also makes her heart go pitter-patter. Unbeknownst to the star-crossed teenaged lovers, a lurking chupacabra with a real soft spot for humans who speak in iambic pentameter feels thrills through his veins at the thought of frolicking through the streets of Verona with both Juliet and Romeo in his arms. Smiten, the chupacabra is willing to slay every peripheral character in the story from Tybalt to Lady Montague to make it happen. Starring: Taylor Swift, Michael Cera and Zach Galifianakis.



## Anne of Green Ogres

Spinster Ogre siblings who run a fishing outfit in PEI adopt an adolescent orphan to help catch more lobsters. While they had bargained on a boy, Anne's happy-go-lucky personality charms their warts off and they keep her. At school she gets loads of double takes from the guys because of her carrot-orange locks. All the other young ogres' hair is vomit green. When an infatuated classmate yanks at her braids and calls her "five alarm fire hot," she bashes a blackboard over his head and the seed of young love is planted. There's literally thousands of pages worth of similarly quaint coming-of-age-school hi-jinks in the source material. Five sequels and a hundred foreign language adaptations later, they will consummate their marathon courtship and actually hook up. Starring: Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield.



## Spartacus: Swords, Sandals and Succubus, Too

The gladiator lifestyle is really the pits. There's the sparse wardrobe — nothing but ill-fitting sandals and unlaundered loincloths, coupled with the grim odds they face every time they enter the arena. Bookies in Capua taking five denari win, lose or draw wagers on your hide (hardly veiled code for live, die or end up severely mangled) can take a toll on the soul. Remarkably, subjugation by the Romans and horrid hygiene are the least of the Thracian's woes when his dominus's housekeepers-with-benefits turn out to be succubi. Will Sparty free his fellow gladiators or fall prey to the charms of the lusty she-demons? Starring: Daniel Craig and Kate Upton.



## Dances with Werewolves

While manning a frontier outpost, a Union lieutenant befriends a Native American tribe who harbour a furry little secret. You'd think the introduction to tribal elders Barks at the Moon and his brother Runs with Team Jacob would be a tip-off but it's not until the clueless soldier falls head over hind legs for a bright eyed medicine woman who goes by Shapely Shifter that he has his I'm in love with a Lycan "a-ha" moment. After four excruciating hours of watching the protagonist go hunting with the pack and acclimating to the lifestyle, we wait with baited breath, as the soldier must finally decide whether he should become a Wolf-man himself. Starring: John Hamm and Moon Blood-good.



## Frost/Nixon/Abominable Snowman

Tricky Dick decides to break his post-Watergate silence by agreeing to a series of interviews with lightweight British talk show host David Frost. During the first couple of tête-à-têtes, Frost fails to get the disgraced former president to come clean. Before their last session Nixon accidentally drunk dials Frost and reveals that when he eats too much cottage cheese he transforms into a giant Yeti. Desperate, Frost uses this seemingly fanciful tidbit to turn the tables on their psychological brinksmanship by serving Dick some blintzes. It works and he gets a snow-white, 12-foot-tall Nixon cop to not only admit to letting down the American people, but also his nephew Bigfoot. Starring: Jude Law and Tommy Lee Jones.



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## SCENE

New age stalking

## Did someone hack into Gomez's facebook?

Britain's judiciary says that a 21-year-old sentenced last week for hacking into a U.S.-based Facebook account accessed the page belonging to teen actress Selena Gomez, who is the girlfriend of pop idol Justin Bieber. Gareth Crosskey was jailed for 12 months Wednesday after pleading guilty to crimes under Britain's Computer Misuse Act. His victim wasn't identified at the time, but The Sun newspaper named her as Gomez. The tabloid said Crosskey posted the words Justin Bieber sucks to her Facebook page, prompting a torrent of abuse from the Canadian singer's fans.

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On the web



Agents Smith and Jones talk alien attraction of their partnership as Men in Black returns

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## Reggie Watts. Foot-loose and hands-free

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Wisely, Reggie Watts puts on a Bluetooth headset to chat as he's driving to LAX. It's comforting that he's chosen to go hands-free; to know he's safe. Except he's not actually driving.

"No, I have a professional to do that," he says somewhat aghast, like driving the strange L.A. streets is a preposterous idea. "I'm just going hands-free ... for no reason. I like hands-free."

Hands-free and ready to multitask at any moment, because that's how he works: improvising music live via good, old-fashioned on-the-spot recording, looping and beat boxing, and riffing in comedic turns at will.

And it's working for him. This spring, Watts' tour zips through the U.S.; his May-released live CD/DVD Reggie Watts: A Live In Central Park, which premiered on Comedy Central, is joined by a second release, Reggie Watts: Live at



Reggie Watts GETTY IMAGES

Third Man Records, which was recorded at Jack White's Nashville Studio.

Next month, he's in the cast of IFC's Comedy Bang! Bang! performing music with Mad Men star Jon Hamm, among other things. He just finished a cameo role in Steven Soderbergh's upcoming film Bitter Pill, too.

"I did a scene with Jude Law. That was very weird, surreal. I was the crazy person on the street yelling," Watts laughs.

"I want to do more film. There are a lot of studios asking me if I have any ideas. But I don't want things to be too 'contracty.' I want things to be simple. I want to just keep doing some fun stuff."

### Conan the helper

Watts, a Montana native who cut his performing teeth in Seattle before moving to Brooklyn, got a career leg-up when Conan O'Brien took him under his wing a couple of years ago.

- **Some backing.** "Yeah, he did give me a boost and that really helps," Watts says. "I just like to tinker around and be happy performing."

# A real-life disaster gets the Hollywood horror treatment

## 'Extreme' tourism.

Chernobyl Diaries tells the story of six tourists who visit the abandoned city of Pripjat, only to discover they're not actually alone



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Hiroshima. Three Mile Island. Some names stand for more than geography.

Most recently the name Chernobyl has become the definition of disaster. A meltdown at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986 caused the ancient city to be evacuated and made the name a nuclear-age cuss word.

Pop culture looked to the disaster for inspiration. David Bowie and Kraftwerk wrote songs about the devastation. Satirists made jokes like, "Last night the Chernobyl nuclear power station fulfilled the five-year plan of heat energy generation in four microseconds."

Nuclear energy worker Homer threw a brick at "No more Chernobyls," chanting protestors on The Simpsons. The X-Files character Fluke-Man was mutated by Chernobyl's radioactive waste and half a dozen documentaries (including the Oscar-winning Chernobyl Heart) have detailed the fallout from the world's biggest nuclear accident.

This weekend Chernobyl



Devin Kelley, left, and Jonathan Sadowski star in Chernobyl Diaries. CONTRIBUTED

Diaries, based on a story by Paranormal Activity's director Oren Peli, puts a horror spin on the tragedy by placing six people on an "extreme tour" of the Chernobyl area.

Chernobyl Diaries uses the area as a setting, but the filmmakers behind the short film Gamma (available online) went one better and actually shot the five-minute movie on location.

The story of "Nuke-Root" technology, an organic process to rehabilitate nuclear ravaged towns, was filmed near the nuclear wasteland in Baikunur, Kazakhstan and abandoned communities of Pripjat, Ukraine. Chernobyl was also the location for Universal Solider: Regeneration, but the

movie was shot in Bulgaria. Series baddie Dolph Lundgren takes on the "perfect soldier" Jean-Claude Van Damme (JCVD) in his bid to stop a terrorist who plans to unleash a toxic cloud containing 100 times the radiation of a bomb from the Chernobyl plant.

This one is for JCVD hardcore fans only. One reviewer said if you come across it on television, "keep changing channels. There's bound to be something better on."

Michael Bay got better notices for his Chernobyl film. In Transformers 3: Dark of the Moon, the director set one of the movie's big action scenes — a showdown between emotionless Decepticon Shockwave and Transformer

### The lighter side

Of course sometimes the Chernobyl tragedy has been played for laughs.

- In Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo, the Chernobyl native Svetlana has a mutated penis for a nose and in Hot Tub Time Machine the guys drink a Russian energy drink called Chernobyl, which contains "ingredients which are illegal in the United States."

good guy Optimus Prime — at the site of the infamous reactor.

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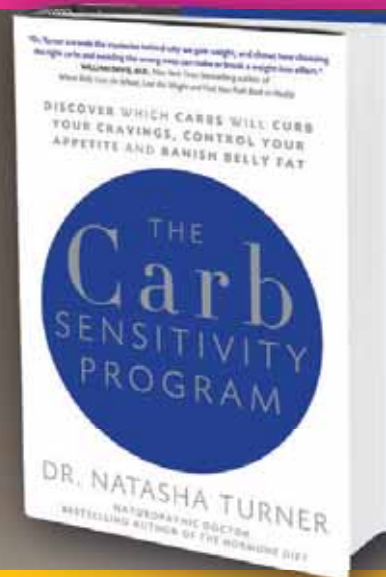
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## Prince William talks wedding jitters and his destiny as King

Prince William admits he didn't get much rest the night before his wedding last year. "(The crowds) were singing and cheering all night long, so the excitement of that, the nervousness of me and everyone singing — I slept for about half an hour," William says in an interview with ITV for a documentary about his grandmother, the Queen. And as for his destiny of eventually taking the throne as King of England, he admits he's resigned to his fate.

"There's not that much wriggle room left for me



Prince William

to try and find my own path, but I will do. It's just a matter of learning what's gone before me," William says.



John Travolta

## Accusers' lawyers fighting in John Travolta fiasco

The John Travolta sexual assault allegations are taking a strange turn, with lawyers on the side of the accusers now fighting with each other. Okorie Okorocha, the lawyer who originally represented the first John Does to accuse Travolta of

unwanted sexual advances, is now suing Gloria Allred, claiming she is stealing his clients, according to Hollyscoop. "Mr. Okorocha's lawsuit will be met with a counterclaim for defamation," Allred says in a statement.



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

## Pitt and Jolie are yet to set a wedding date

While Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are definitely engaged, when they actually tie the knot is still up in the air, Pitt explained while speaking at a press conference in Cannes, according to USA Today. "We have no date. We actually, really,

truly have no date," Pitt said. "I hope we figure out marriage equality in the States before that date." Jolie had originally insisted that she and Pitt would not get married until it was legal for gays and lesbians in the U.S. to do so as well.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## Celebs call out Chris Brown's performance

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Chris Brown appeared to lip sync his way through his Billboard Music Awards performance on Sunday evening, and it didn't escape the notice of his peers.

"One day if I lip sync I hope I do it as well as him," singer Pink tweeted as Brown performed a rendition of Turn Up the Music.

Mr. Pink, also known as Carey Hart, wasn't im-

pressed either. "I'm pretty sure I saw my wife do that same performance, but she was three months pregnant and actually sang the song," he chimed in, also adding his professional opinion of the subpar BMX biking on stage.

This is getting brutal. Joe Jonas, what Tweet you? "What happened to people singing live???"

Here's the thing: the song was obviously lip-synced — and laughably poorly. But the performance is at least as important as the vocals for these shows, and Brown was far from the only one mouthing his way through a song that he probably had no business singing live.

But as for the fur-trimmed leather coat over a bare chest? No excuses.

## Miley Cyrus says sex education key for youth



Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Nineteen-year-old former Disney star Miley Cyrus thinks frank discussions about sex shouldn't be off-limits for kids. "Girls who base how much they're worth on the sexual favours they can do for somebody, that makes me really sad, because sex is actually really beautiful," she says during an interview for the Conversation with Amanda de Cadenet this week.

"It's ignorant to not talk to your kids about it or make it seem like it's not as cool or magical as it actually is. If (kids) have a TV, they know what sex is. Everyone knows, so educate them. Let them know that they wouldn't be here without it, and it is a beautiful thing, and it is magic, and it is when you connect with somebody and it isn't how much you're worth."

### Twitter



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Dear Hollywood: It's time to retire the "found footage" movie genre and start holding the camera steady again. I'm getting queasy.



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I don't cry when I get my bangs trimmed, so I'm pretty sure I don't need therapy anymore



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eyes hotel  
price cuts**

Brazil is taking steps to lower the spiraling cost of accommodations during the United Nations' upcoming conference on sustainable development, the office of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said Wednesday. The statement said the steps could bring reductions of more than 60 per cent for the cost of housing at the Rio+20 conference in Rio de Janeiro, where authorities faced sharp criticism for skyrocketing hotel costs and shortcomings in available rooms. As many as 50,000 people are expected to flood into Rio for the June 20-22 event.

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## Toasted Almond Ice Cream Float

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C). Toast the almonds on a baking sheet until they are golden and fragrant, about eight minutes.

2. Place the yolks in a large mixing bowl, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and set aside until ready to use.

3. In a medium saucepan, bring milk, cream, salt, almonds, almond extract, and ¼ cup (50 ml) of sugar to boil. Turn off the heat and let steep at room temperature 15 minutes; return to a rolling boil.

4. Whisk remaining sugar into bowl with yolks until smooth. Gently temper yolks by slowly adding hot almond cream, while whisking constantly. Once completely combined, strain mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a large metal bowl. Place bowl of ice cream base over another bowl of ice water and stir until cool.

5. Freeze mixture in an

ice cream machine according to the manufacturer's directions until ice cream has a smooth, soft-serve-like texture. Store in freezer for four hours before serving.

6. To serve, fill four tall glasses with two or three scoops of Toasted Almond Ice Cream each, top with root beer, and serve immediately.

- 1 cup (250 ml) almonds, finely chopped
- 6 egg yolks
- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) each whole milk and heavy cream
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) fine sea salt
- ½ tsp (1 ml) almond extract
- ½ cup (125 ml) plus 2 tbsp (30 ml) granulated sugar, divided
- 4 bottles old-fashioned root beer

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# High-heat wok cooking meets Hispanic ingredients

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon tamari or good (MSG-free) soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon medium drinking sherry
- 2 teaspoons of cornstarch
- 2 pinches white pepper
- 1 pound 90 per cent lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon canola or other high-heat oil, divided
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 each medium green and red bell peppers, cored and finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 2 plum tomatoes, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup diced green olives with pimientos
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- Juice of 1 lime
- Sprigs of fresh cilantro, mint or parsley, to serve

For this Wok Picadillo, a cast-iron wok over gas heat is the best choice. But in a pinch, a large cast-iron skillet can be substituted. A stainless or carbon steel wok also can be used, but you may find you need more oil to prevent sticking.

Because speed is essential when cooking at high heat in a wok, it's important to have all ingredients prepped ahead. If you are using a small wok, you may need to cook the meat in two batches. Avoid crowding the pan, as this cools it.

Stainless steel spatulas with a wooden handle and curved edge work best with steel or cast-iron woks.

This dish is best served with rice, especially red or brown.

1. In bowl, whisk together the tamari, sherry, cornstarch and white pepper. Add the ground beef and mix until thoroughly incorporated. Set aside.

2. Set your wok over high and let heat for 1 minute. Add 1/2

tablespoon of the oil and heat until it shimmers. Add the onion and both bell peppers. As soon as they hit the wok, immediately stir them around the pan. Cook for 5 minutes, or until the onions and peppers are just barely cooked and still firm and colorful.

3. Transfer vegetables to a plate. Use paper towels to dry wok, then return it to heat.

4. When the wok is hot again, add remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil and heat until it shimmers. Add garlic first, then immediately add the ground beef.

5. Use back of spatula to spread the beef across the wok as if frying a wide burger. Let the meat sear on one side until golden brown. You can test for doneness by flipping the beef in the centre of your wok where the heat is the hottest. If it is golden brown, flip all the beef and break it up with your spatula.

6. Once beef is just cooked (about seven minutes), return the onion-pepper mixture to the pan. Add the tomatoes, olives, raisins, cumin, oregano

and paprika. Mix well, then reduce heat to medium and fry for five minutes. Stir in the lime juice. Serve spooned over rice and topped with fresh cilantro,

mint or parsley.

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# Unique dish gives ground beef life beyond hamburgers

Why should pie be limited to dessert? No reason at all, actually. Everything we love about pie — a moist and delicious interior, a flaky bronzed crust — can work as easily for savoury dinners and lunches as it can for cherries, apples and blueberries.

To keep the stroganoff pies simple, use a purchased pie crust. And to make forming them even easier, cook them in a muffin tin. They are delicious warm and cool.

1. Lightly coat a large six-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.

2. In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté for three minutes.

3. Add mushrooms, salt and pepper; sauté for six to eight minutes or until well browned and soft. Remove from heat and add smoked paprika and cream cheese; stir to combine. Let

mixture cool for five minutes.

4. In a bowl, mix mushroom mixture and beef; set aside.

5. On a lightly floured surface, unroll one of the prepared pie crusts. Cut six circles from the crust. Each circle needs to be large enough to fit into the muffin cups, come up the sides and overhang the upper edge by about 1 cm (1/2 inch). Fit one circle into each muffin cup. Spoon meat filling evenly among cups.

6. From the second crust, cut out six smaller circles to fit on top of the muffin pies. With your fingers or a fork, crimp around the edges to seal each pie. Brush tops of pies with beaten egg and cut a slit in the top crust to vent.

7. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and a thermom-



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

eter inserted into the centre reaches 74 C (165 F). Pie can

be served warm or cooled to room temperature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDS.COOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 125 g (4 oz) chopped cremini mushrooms
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) smoked paprika
- 60 g (2 oz) cream cheese, cut into chunks
- 175 g (12 oz) extra-lean ground beef
- 1 pkg (425 g) refrigerated pie crusts (contains 2 crusts)
- 1 egg, well beaten



6. Once beef is just cooked (about seven minutes), return the onion-pepper mixture to the pan. Add the tomatoes, olives, raisins, cumin, oregano

and paprika. Mix well, then reduce heat to medium and fry for five minutes. Stir in the lime juice. Serve spooned over rice and topped with fresh cilantro,

mint or parsley.

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# The business of better: Work for the world

**Broadening the bottom line.** How to innovate, create and put food on your plate

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The word “business” might summon an image of an unfeeling and profit-making machine. Rarely is it thought of as an exclusively benevolent force that aims to make the world a better place. Or maybe this is just me...but in any case, businesses are ultimately designed to maximize profit and sometimes do so at the expense of the environment or their em-

## Thinking times three

“There has been a shift in recent years away from this single bottom line of profit towards a triple bottom line. Think of it as the Three Ps: people, planet, and profit.” Justine Abigail Yu

ployees.

More often than not, environmental sustainability, workers rights, and job creation are merely afterthoughts or marketing gimmicks aimed at — you guessed it — making more money.

But there has been a shift in recent years away from this single bottom line of profit towards a triple bottom line. Think of it as the Three Ps: people, planet, and profit.

This is the realm of social innovation where innovators and entrepreneurs use novel ideas to solve pressing social issues like health care, poverty, homelessness, crime, and food security.

This change in the conventional business model is resulting in a burgeoning sector and perhaps you're one such social innovator or entrepreneur with the next big idea that will change the world...or



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maybe you don't have that idea yet, but you're interested in exploring a career down this path. Either way, the big question is: how do you dip your toes into this relatively new and exciting sector?

## Learn the lingo

Social enterprise. Social finance. Corporate social responsibility. Social entrepreneurs and social intrapreneurs. These are all common words in the world of social innovation and you should get to know them inside and out if you're planning on starting your own organization or working at one.

## Attend industry events and network

Hubs of social innovation are popping up everywhere. Research what's happening around your area and attend any local events. What better way to get to know this sector than by surrounding yourself with the actual change agents

themselves?

## Conduct an informational interview

After you've attended one of those local events and networked your face off, why not follow up with those new connections you've made? Never underestimate the power of getting together over a hot cup of java to ask questions or even share your ideas.

Conduct an informational interview with a social innovator and ask him or her everything you've ever wondered about the sector, the specific social problem you're interested in, and even what the job itself entails.

## Volunteer

Find an organization that is doing work you are passionate about and gain some hands-on experience. Get your hands dirty and volunteer! Whether it's within your local community or working overseas, there

is honestly no deeper learning than practical learning.

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## It all starts with a search

This whole sector is made up of change agents, or people who get out there and act. If this is something you want to really commit to, check out:

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# Chan hopes change will help him take 'next step'

**Figure skating.** World champion has records across the board, but wants Olympic gold



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World-champion figure-skater Patrick Chan is embracing change in his quest for Olympic gold in 2014.

Fresh off a two-week vacation in Singapore and Bali, the 21-year-old from Toronto arrived in Halifax on Tuesday to kick off a fundraising tour that will see him traverse the nation before he immerses himself in off-season training.

He'll not only have a new coach and choreographer — both yet to be named — he also plans to select new music, implement two new programs, and continue working on his quad jump.

"There's always room to improve and a lot of different things are going to happen," Chan told media at a press conference at BMO Centre in Hammonds Plains.

Chan has seen his career take flight since a fifth-place finish at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. Along with back-to-back world championships, he has also set world records in all three scoring categories — short program, free program and total score — and won the 2011 Lou Marsh Trophy as Can-

## Training costs

According to a press release, Patrick Chan's annual training costs him upwards of \$200,000. Visit supportpatrickchan.com to contribute to his fundraising campaign.

ada's athlete of the year.

While he's proud of those accomplishments, he said the changes he's making will challenge him to "make that next step" in his career.

"I've decided to do two brand-new programs, which isn't very common of me — I usually keep one of my programs, but I wanted to experiment and expand to another area of my skating ability," said Chan, who spent the day signing autographs, visiting the IWK and hosting a dinner at Casino Nova Scotia.

"It's going to be quite interesting to try a different choreographer and hopefully I'll have a good season next year."

Those changes, combined with the valuable experience he gained in Vancouver, could help him in 2014 in Sochi, Russia, where he hopes to become the first Canadian men's figure skater to win Olympic gold.

"We've always had very good skaters and good skating development, but we've never been on top," Chan said. "To have that finally, in Canada, would be amazing. There's a first for everything, so hopefully I'm the one."

## Quoted

"I haven't announced it yet. I'm going to wait (to do) it. It's still in the experimental stage. We haven't started any work or chosen any music."

Patrick Chan, on his coaching and choreographer changes.

## Memorial Cup. London Knights give themselves a shot at bye to the final

Ryan Rupert and Bo Horvat scored in the first period and the tight-checking London Knights held on for a 4-1 victory over the Edmonton Oil Kings in the final round-robin game for both teams at the MasterCard Memorial Cup on Tuesday night.

Greg McKegg also scored and Austin Watson added an empty-net tally for London, which outshot Edmonton 28-21, and held them to 0-for-6 on the power play.

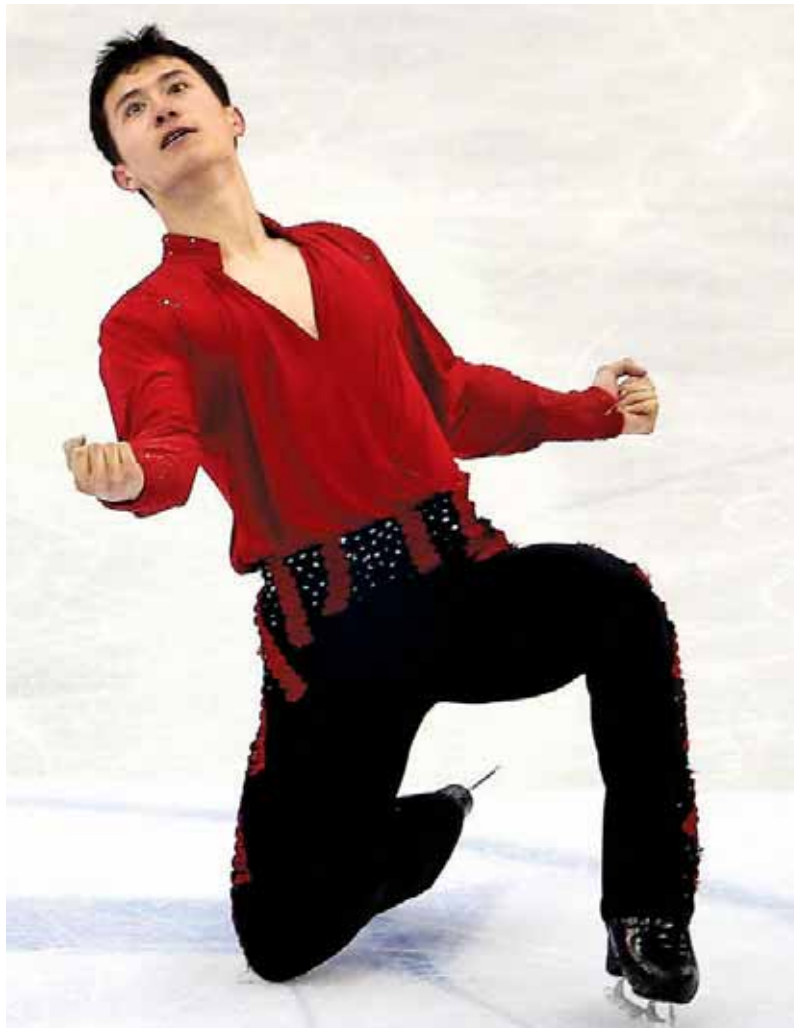
Keegan Lowe scored for the Western Hockey League champion Oil Kings, who

were coming off a 5-2 loss to the defending champion Saint John Sea Dogs on Monday.

Lowe's father, Edmonton Oilers president Kevin Lowe, was on hand to see his son score.

The Knights can take first place and get a bye to the final if Saint John beats the host Shawinigan Cataractes in the last round-robin game on Wednesday night. If Shawinigan wins, the Cataractes will take top spot because they won their game against London.

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Patrick Chan competes during the World Figure Skating Championships on March 31 in Nice, France. He won his second straight gold medal at the event. SCOTT HEAVEY/GETTY IMAGES

## England

**Mike Danton to play hockey across the pond**

Saint Mary's Huskies alumnus Mike Danton is headed to England.

Danton, an ex-NHLer who resumed his hockey career at Saint Mary's in 2010 after serving a five-year prison sentence for a failed murder-for-hire plot, has signed with the Coventry Blaze of the United Kingdom-based Elite Ice Hockey League.

The 31-year-old forward split last season between leagues in Sweden and Austria.

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## Volleyball

**Nicole McCulloch to vie for spot on national team**

Shubenacadie's Nicole McCulloch of the Saint Mary's Huskies is among 49 players invited to Winnipeg to try out for a spot on the Canadian national A and B women's volleyball teams this week.

The camp concludes Friday, after which the first round of cuts will be announced.

The A team will be preparing for the Pan Am Cup in Mexico in July.

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## Women's basketball

**Huskies recruit NCAA Division I calibre centre**

The Saint Mary's Huskies have recruited six-foot-four centre Becky Nash to join their women's basketball program, according to Durham-region.com.

The towering post player from Ajax, Ont., passed on NCAA Division I offers to join Saint Mary's, according to the report.

"I know it's very serious there and I just wasn't into that," she told the paper.

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## SPORTS

### Horse racing

*I'll Have Another 'a very happy horse'*

Canadian-owned Triple Crown contender I'll Have Another is recovering well from Saturday's Preakness victory. The colt arrived at Belmont Park on Sunday to prepare for the June 9 Belmont Stakes, where I'll Have Another will attempt to become the first Triple Crown winner since 1978. An assistant to trainer Doug O'Neill says "he looks great, fantastic." Jack Sistrone said Tuesday that I'll Have Another is "a very happy horse."

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### On the web



After Monday's 6-0 loss to the Kansas City Royals, New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi said he hoped his club had hit "rock bottom." The Yankees were tied for last place in the AL East on Tuesday and history might not be on their side as far as turning their season around. Scan the code for the story.

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## MLB

Pena powers  
Rays past Jays

Slumping Carlos Pena hit a three-run homer during a five-run fourth and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-5 on Tuesday night.

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon moved Pena up from the middle of the lineup to the leadoff spot in an attempt to help him break out of an offensive funk.

Pena, who snapped an 0-for-8 slide on his sixth homer of the season, entered Tuesday hitting just .116 in May.

Pena's homer to centre off Drew Hutchison (3-2) was estimated at 452 feet. He finished with two hits in five at-bats.

Drew Sutton had an RBI double and Chris Gimenez hit a run-scoring grounder as the Rays took a 6-0 lead in the fourth.

Rays starter Matt Moore walked three in the fifth and couldn't get through the inning as the Blue Jays scored four times to get within 6-4.

Jose Bautista drove in two with a bases-loaded single. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# All-too-familiar position for Rangers in Round 3

**NHL.** East finalists brush away the rhetoric and prepare for a crucial Game 5

Practice for the New York Rangers went from optional to mandatory. Their attitude shifted from agitated to optimistic.

For the third straight series, the East's top-seeded team is all even through four games and each time New York has headed into Game 5 coming off a loss that would have given the Rangers a commanding 3-1 edge.

The negative view would be that they can't handle prosperity. The positive outlook is that the Rangers have a knack of bouncing back. After all, they advanced from this spot in the opening two rounds with Game 7 victories in the comfort of Madison Square Garden.

The task at hand against the rival New Jersey Devils in the conference finals is difficult, yet satisfyingly familiar. The Rangers have lost three straight Game 2s after series-opening wins and all three Game 4s following Game 3 victories.

"I guess it's a positive," Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said Tuesday after practice. "It's something we've been through. We know how to prepare for it, and we'll be ready."

Rangers coach John Tortorella ran a 40-minute practice



Devils goalie Martin Brodeur catches himself after being punched by New York's Mike Rupp on Monday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that was originally scheduled to be optional. That changed after a 4-1 defeat on Monday in Game 4 in New Jersey. New York hosts Game 5 Wednesday.

After a team meeting, Tortorella seemed pleased with his team.

"It defines our team ... our resiliency," Tortorella said. "You have to remember, when you're trying to win two in a row, there's also a team trying not to lose two in a row. It's a pretty good team at this stage of the season."

## Quoted



**"I think emotion takes over. I took offence at what happened on the ice and that was my outlet — right or wrong."**

Devils coach Peter DeBoer, commenting Tuesday on his screaming match with John Tortorella after Rangers forward Mike Rupp took a jab at Martin Brodeur near the end of Game 4.

But what can be done to get players such as Marian Gaborik, playmaker Brad Richards, and others such as Callahan and Brian Boyle going?

"Pray," Tortorella said. "I

don't know what else to tell you. We're going to keep on trying to play, pray, and hopefully something good happens to them."

The Rangers have scored

nine goals in four games against the Devils. Only one has been scored by the Rangers' top-line forwards.

Rookie Chris Kreider scored in each of the first three games just weeks after helping Boston College win the NCAA championship. Defenceman Dan Girardi, not known for his offensive prowess, has two goals, fellow defenceman Marc Staal also has one and forwards Callahan, Artem Anisimov and Ruslan Fedotenko have one each.

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## NBA. Heat back in control against Pacers

Miami took a big step forward. Indiana lost two forwards.

Suddenly, the road back to the Eastern Conference finals no longer looks daunting for the Heat.

LeBron James scored 30 points, Dwyane Wade added 28, and the Heat moved a win away from the NBA's final four with a 115-83 victory over the hurting Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Heat lead the best-of-seven East semifinals 3-2, with Game 6 in Indiana on Thursday night.

Danny Granger left with a sprained left ankle in the third quarter, and David West left with what the Pacers called a left-knee sprain at the end of that period.

Miami shot a franchise playoff-record 61 per cent, best of any team in the playoffs this



Dwyane Wade after being hit in the eye Tuesday in Miami. GETTY IMAGES

season.

It was an 11-point game when Granger departed early in the third quarter, and the Heat outscored the Pacers by 21 the rest of the way.

The Pacers made Wade see blood early on, a couple of early flagrant fouls reminding everyone that these teams don't seem to like each other much. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## NBA

## Knicks, Woodson, near deal: Source

The New York Knicks and coach Mike Woodson are completing a multiyear deal that could be announced this week, a person with knowledge of the situation said Tuesday. Woodson led the Knicks to an 18-6 record and a first-round playoff loss to Miami as interim coach.

Top players Carmelo Anthony, Amare Stoudemire and Tyson Chandler all endorsed Woodson's return and will get their wish, the person told the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract is not finished yet.

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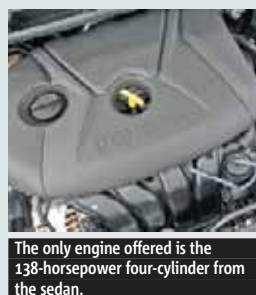
# The Elantra just got more interesting



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## Engine

Both sedan and Coupe converge in the powertrain department. Standard is a 1.8-litre engine that puts out 148 horsepower and 131 pound-feet of torque. It connects to a six-speed manual transmission, or optional six-speed automatic.



The only engine offered is the 138-horsepower four-cylinder from the sedan.

## Suspension

Where the sedan and Coupe really differ is in the suspension department. A thicker front stabilizer bar, more rigid rear torsion beam, retuned shocks and a quicker electronic power steering ratio are all designed to give the Coupe more agility in the turns.

## 2013 Elantra Coupe

- **Type.** Two-door compact coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre DOHC four-cylinder (148).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.8/4.9 (MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$19,000 (est.).

## Nice behind

In back, the addition of an integrated trunk-lid spoiler and a blacked-out lower bumper area with twin exhaust outlets creates at least the impression of the Coupe's sporty behaviour. The theme carries into the cabin with its more prominent front-seat side bolsters.

**Review.** It's missing two doors, yes, but in some respects that makes it better

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The pace of change at Hyundai is indeed swift, and the

expanding Elantra brand is at the forefront with a new two-door Coupe that's about to join the compact sedan.

An equally new GT hatchback is also set to arrive (replacing the Elantra Touring), providing a fresh-faced three-model Elantra lineup.

All of this frenetic activity is part of Hyundai's plan to introduce seven new models throughout the 2012 calendar year.

Two-door designs haven't

been particularly popular and they traditionally represent only a small percentage of total sales for most automakers.

But they do serve as bait to reel in more youthful buyers, even if in the end they often wind up making a more practical sedan purchase. For the Elantra, both are smart choices, but for slightly different reasons.

The Coupe rests on an identical platform to the

sedan and offers the same interior volume and trunk room.

That's good news for back-seat travellers who shouldn't feel too pinched on longer journeys.

And as Hyundai points out, the Elantra Coupe beats both the Civic Coupe and the Kia Koup in the interior space race by a significant margin.

So, what's the point of a seemingly less functional car? In a word, va-va-voom.

Hyundai has yet to reveal any Coupe pricing details, but to stay well below the \$20,500 Veloster hatchback's base threshold — and to remain competitive with the Honda Civic coupe — you can expect an on-the-road starting point of about \$19,000.

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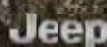
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# Bikes new canvas for automaker technology

## Autopilot



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The weather was great this past Victoria Day weekend, so our family seized the opportunity to get on our bicycles.

Because of my bent toward "vintage" in pretty much everything except health care, the bikes I've procured for the family over the years have always been heavy on steel and light on non-traditional technology.

Needless to say, they look nothing like the "bicycle" that Audi debuted last week at the Wörthersee Tour, the annual grand meeting of Audi, VW, Seat and Skoda, held every spring by the Wörthersee lake in Carinthia, Austria.

The Audi e-bike Wörthersee is a one-off concept bristling with technology, but its biggest claim to fame may be its

bizarreness — or at least how well it defies categorization.

It's like a moped — you can pedal when you want, or access power when you want.

It's like a high-tech electric bike, with an electric motor located in bottom bracket and a lithium-ion battery located in frame.

It's like a high-tech racing bicycle, with full carbon frame and nine-speed gear set, which uses hydraulic-assisted shifting.

Based on its frame geometry and seat position, it's also kind of like a motorcycle built for Trials competition, or like a bicycle built for trick riding.

It's top electric speed is a relatively sedate 50 km/h, but the battery/motor combination can crank out 184 lb-ft of torque!

This should make it capable of a lot of interesting things. Trick riding is aided by the various "Wheelie" modes. One of the modes, "Balanced Wheelie," should keep the e-bike's front tire in the air almost indefinitely; the rider's balance is maintained electronically, and the rider can speed up and



Behold the Audi e-bike Wörthersee, which is chock-full of technology. Just think of it as a super bike. CONTRIBUTED

slow down by simply leaning forward or backward, just like

those two-wheeled Segways. So, yes, a Segway is another

thing it's like.

But lest we forget, it's also

like an iPad, smartphone, or video game. Here are some direct quotes from the press release: "The on-board computer is located in the frame top tube and operated using a touch screen... The rider's smartphone communicates by WLAN with the bike's computer. The antenna is integrated into the front brake line. To ride the bike, the immobilizer is deactivated by the smartphone... Video images recorded (by the helmet cam) or even complete trick sequences can be transmitted to the Internet or the trainer. Every trick performed successfully qualifies for success points.

As the number of points increases, the rider is rewarded and at the same time the challenge level rises. The total Internet ranking can be compared with friends or other riders. The rider can locate them by way of Facebook entries that can be shown on the Audi e-bike Wörthersee's display."

A couple of things it's not, however, is simple or almost free — two things that effectively describe my 38-year-old Raleigh Grand Prix.

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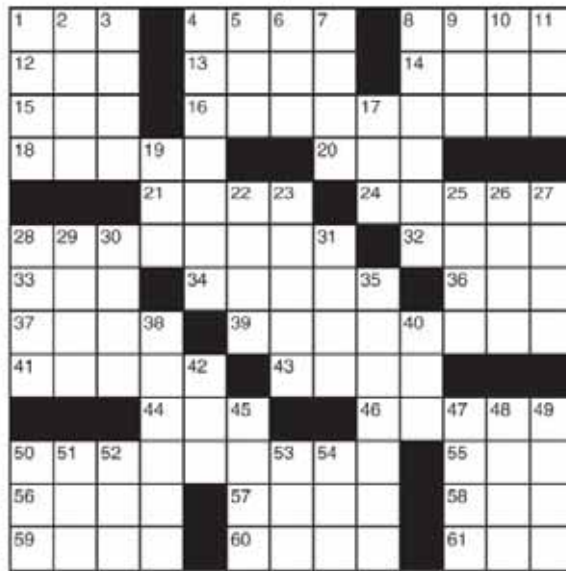
Crossword

Across

- 1 "Monty Python" opener
- 4 Returned
- 8 Arizona city
- 12 Regret
- 13 Lotion additive
- 14 Eastern potentate
- 15 \$ dispenser
- 16 John Hancock
- 18 Resigns
- 20 Dead heat
- 21 "Dragnet" star
- 24 Perch
- 28 Green
- 32 A bit blue
- 33 Volente lead-in
- 34 Eat loudly
- 36 WWII general Arnold
- 37 Many millennia
- 39 Bond
- 41 Anticipate
- 43 Staff member
- 44 Tums target
- 46 Implied
- 50 Chairs, tables, etc.
- 55 Lennon's lady
- 56 Sicilian spouter
- 57 Distant
- 58 Legislation
- 59 Fervor
- 60 Grad rags?
- 61 Commonest word

Down

- 1 Tigris territory
- 2 Frill for Fonteyn
- 3 Big rig
- 4 Some hounds
- 5 — Baba
- 6 Gear tooth
- 7 Superman's alter ego
- 8 Shower component
- 9 Ostrich's cousin
- 10 Round Table address
- 11 Exist
- 17 Melody
- 19 Airline letters
- 22 Wall Street optimist
- 23 Bear
- 25 Pearl Harbor site
- 26 Cicatrix
- 27 Work at the key-board
- 28 Concept
- 29 Cat call
- 30 "— Lisa"
- 31 Therefore
- 35 Model
- 38 Cue
- 40 Afternoon affair
- 42 — chi
- 45 Unescorted
- 47 Layer of paint
- 48 Part of the foot
- 49 Carry
- 50 Shriner's chapeau



- 51 Multipurpose truck  
52 Geneticist's abbr.  
53 Faraway craft

54 Uncivilized

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

UGZCDM OKLKDYQE JYGOYKW  
BD UKO NCLRKO TGJRKY  
IOBVKLY. JUK OKIBOYKW  
"NKGZK BDQE VFJY TKMFD."  
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COULD SUPPOSE THAT YOU HERALD HAROLD.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Your imagination will be active today and whatever you think about will in some way or other become a reality by the end of the week.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Strive to stay on good terms with someone who has the power to make life uncomfortable for you.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

A relationship that has been going through a bad patch will improve over the next few days.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Stop putting pressure on yourself and accept that what is meant to happen will happen in its own good time. Life will be easier that way.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Give those who ask for help your verbal support but encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Wishful thinking is not always a bad thing and what you wish for today may well become your reality over the next few weeks.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Today's Sun-Neptune link will encourage you to reach for some unattainable goal. Don't do it.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You're a passionate Scorpio so why are you trying to pretend that you don't care about something when, deep inside, you are raging?

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

The Sun in your opposite sign means that some people will try to intimidate you. You must resist them.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

The best way to get through the day — any day — is to live it moment by moment. Let fate be your guide.

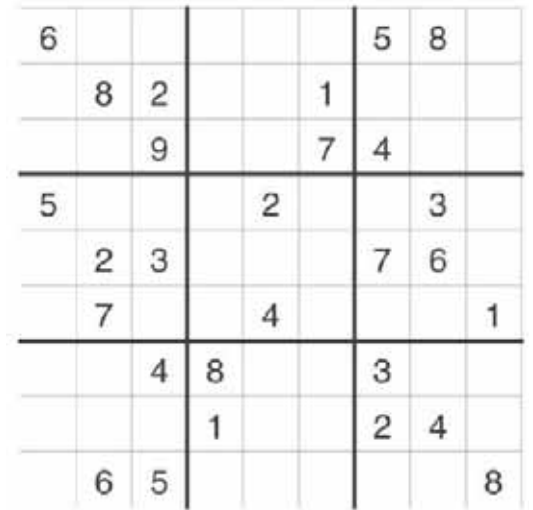
♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start smiling again. Don't wait for tomorrow — have fun today.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Sob stories are making the rounds at the moment — and you are advised to ignore each and every one of them. Chances are, none of them are true. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	5	2	9	4	1	8	7	6
7	1	8	6	2	8	3	5	4
8	6	4	3	7	5	2	1	9
6	9	3	4	8	7	5	2	1
2	4	8	5	1	6	7	9	3
1	7	5	2	3	9	6	4	8
9	3	1	8	5	2	4	6	7
4	2	7	1	6	3	9	8	5
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